Distinguishing the grammatical relations in Shushtari Dialect

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In the world languages, subject and direct object which are also called grammatical relations are distinguished by three strategies in a sentence: word order, agreement and case marking system. World languages might yield one or two of the so-called strategies or might use all of them for distinguishing grammatical relations. In this article these strategies are examined in Shushtari’s transitive clauses. Therefore a questionnaire consists of 62 sentences was prepared for this purpose and interviews were done with native speakers of Shushtari dialect. Data analysis shows that word order is neither used for distinguishing subject nor for direct object. Agreement is applied for subject and case marking system for direct object in this dialect. As Shushtari is classified in the same dialectic branch with Persian, it is considered to yield the same strategies which are confirmed through data analysis.

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